

## CITIZENS COMBAT CONGRESS' ACTION ON PLAYGROUNDS

Public Organizations Join With Business Men in Waging Warfare.

VITAL PRINCIPLE HANGS IN BALANCE

Nothing Short of Item's Restoration in Measure Will Satisfy Public, Say Residents.

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Supported in other cities, his home city being referred to, by local appropriations.

Call It Ignorance.

John Joy Edson, B. H. Warner, Charles J. Bell, C. C. Glover, A. Linsner, William F. Gude, and citizens of like standing, stated separately, though with pointed unanimity, this morning that this condition of mind was no doubt the cause of the present situation, and arose through ignorance of the reason for any appropriations at all from Congress for District needs.

"The citizens who go from the mass meeting this evening are to carry instructions to see that such a situation cannot exist when the conference report is made up for consideration tomorrow. The fact that Congress pays half the expenses of the District in exchange for the protection of and exemption from taxation of more than half of the taxable property of the District, as well as, for its own convenience and well-being, these men say, will be very carefully explained with the hope of creating a new condition of mind among the legislators."

The indignation of the well-known business men who have been referred to as well as of many others is reflected in their own conception of the situation as explained to The Times today.

"Essential As Schools."

"In my judgment playgrounds are as essential as schools and should ultimately be made an integral part of the school system."

This was the statement made this morning by Otto Luebkert, a director of the Washington Playgrounds Association, and one of the Capital's best-known business men.

"I regret exceedingly to learn of the conference's action in cutting out the appropriation of playgrounds," said Luebkert. "It is clearly the duty of Congress to maintain these playgrounds. Congress has committed itself to the playground policy by appropriating money for their purchase. It is clearly the duty of Congress to provide means to maintain them."

Charles J. Bell, president of the American School and Society Company, who has always been a strong advocate of playgrounds said:

Thinks Policy Short-sighted.

"I think the oversight by Congress is a very shortsighted policy. I am a great believer in playgrounds, and I believe every thoughtful citizen appreciates the need of giving children every opportunity for exercise. Congress should support the movement."

A. Linsner, proprietor of the Palais Royal, characterized the failure of Congress to provide a playground appropriation as "a regrettable display of thoughtlessness or neglect."

The secretary of the Capital's omission of Congress, Mr. Linsner said, "I am a strong advocate of open air and free exercise. I am sorry to see Congress neglectful of the District's needs."

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## An Appeal to Congress and the Public

On behalf of the thousands of children who enjoy and are benefited by playgrounds, the Washington Playground Association appeals to Congress and the public for support at this critical time.

If the District appropriation bill, as reported by the conference committee, is passed without protest, there will be no funds whatever for the operation and equipment of playgrounds next year. The bill as passed by the House provided \$17,000 for this purpose, on the condition that it should come entirely from the District revenues, and as passed by the Senate provided the same amount, but in accordance with the organic act of 1878 on the half-and-half basis. After much discussion, it appears that the House conferees would not agree to the change made by the Senate, and therefore the children of Washington are to be made to suffer unless their friends in Congress will rally to their rescue.

There is a great principle involved in establishing any precedent for District appropriations other than on the half-and-half basis. It is hardly fair to demand a violation of this principle as the only condition upon which our children will be allowed playgrounds.

The taxpayers and public-spirited citizens are requested to co-operate with the Playground Association in their efforts to secure support of a motion which will be made Thursday in the House of Representatives to reject the conference report and to concur in the Senate amendment, so that \$17,000 will be made available for playground purposes on the half-and-half basis.

JAMES E. WEST,  
Secretary.

the maintenance of these places would be a public calamity—nothing more or less. While it is unfortunate that the conferees saw fit to strike out the appropriation from their report—or the most needed part of it—I, nevertheless, think there still is a good chance of getting the money. I am for it to the very last, and can be depended upon to bend all my energies toward getting the money.

"Just as I want the playground appropriation, just as I want to see the children given the proper care and treatment—so do I also want to see Congress keep its contract with the District of Columbia. Under no circumstances or condition should there be any violation of the half and half policy. I am utterly and unalterably opposed to any appropriation, I don't care what the character, to come wholly from the revenues of the District. It is not right. It is not reasonable. It is not in accordance with the policies of justice or fair treatment, and it is absolutely against the law."

Favors Movement.

B. H. Warner said:

"I am in favor of the playgrounds because they aid in giving the children of the nation a strong constitution, and by making them healthy. I regard them as a necessary part of our educational system, and the money needed for them as much a necessity as for any other form of education. Former President Roosevelt once declared that national health is the greatest national asset, and that it is the duty of all who have the welfare of the people at heart to preserve the health of the nation and prevent its deterioration. I think our public men should pay more attention to laws that will aid in giving our children robust constitutions by providing places for them out of doors where they can put in part of their time instead of in the unhealthy conditions or the close atmosphere of the school room."

"We would thus aid not only in the prevention of typical fever and tuberculosis, but by making the children strong and healthy would be preparing them better for their life in after life. The playground is a subject of recent development, and the more it is understood the stronger is the support it receives. If those who are really anxious to benefit the race.

"Congress should remember that this is a national city. Its population is made up of people from every section of the country. It has not the local character of other cities. By reason of this fact, it is the duty of Congress to treat it liberally in the matter of legislation. Every possible aid should be given to the children of this city. There is no earthly reason why the organic act of the District should be violated in any legislation of any character, and especially in the matter of playgrounds, which should be a charge against all the people."

William F. Gude, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said:

Calls Congress Narrow.

"I am absolutely and eternally in favor of playgrounds. The children of today will rule the country twenty years from now. I am astonished that members of Congress should show such narrowness of mind as not to see this fact. It is on the children we must depend for the future of the nation."

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## SHOPPERS EXAMINE LATEST FASHIONS

Wash Fabrics Promise to Be Especially Popular This Spring.

A lively group of shoppers were on hand to look over the display of gowns and blouses, frocks, furs, and neckwear that S. Kann, Sons, & Co. placed on sale this morning.

A special feature of the sale were the garments lately comprising the stock of T. Edward Kibbey, whose retirement from business made the bargain opportunity possible. Among noticeably attractive garments were wash frocks of pongee, English reps and other materials which are in prime favor this spring. Princess gowns and two-piece costumes hold sway with coats of French diagonal, French serges, and mixtures in all the popular shades.

Persian lawn and plaid dimity wash waists, blouses trimmed with handwork and others tailored in the latest mode also engaged the attention of the women who realize the necessity of the lingerie waist as a part of the well-equipped wardrobe.

In neckwear everything possible in the line of jabot, left side frills, as well as neckties in silk are offered to the buyer, and separate skirts are an additional feature of the sale.

## OUTBREAK EXPECTED IN GREECE SHORTLY

European Diplomats Think Civil War Will Start Within Next Few Weeks.

LONDON, March 2.—According to special correspondents in the London Telegraph today, continental diplomats consider civil war in Greece is probable within the next few weeks at the furthest.

The Telegraph's Athens correspondent declares changes there have lately been reversed and that the reactionaries have gained the upper hand over the Army League. There is no longer any danger of the league forcing the abdication of King George, as he is largely in sympathy with the reactionaries, who are preparing to use the most vigorous methods in suppressing the league, even at the risk of an insurrection.

Secret communications are being exchanged by the European powers looking to intervention in Greece the moment the threatened civil strife breaks out.

BILL FOR DAMAGES.

A bill for the relief of Ida A. Chow, owner of the lot at 124 E street northeast, was presented to the Senate today by Senator Gallinger. The property in question was a part of that damaged by the erection of the Union Depot.

## 1/2 of Present Piano Stock Must Be Sold by April First

The Stock Is Largely Made Up of New Chickering, Knabe and Hardman Grands and Uprights; Knabe and Emerson Angelus and Hardman Autotone Player Pianos.

ALL PIANOS PRICED AT COST, BARE SELLING EXPENSES ADDED

Prior to consolidating the large W. F. Frederick interests in a dozen different cities into one large compact organization it has been deemed advisable to reduce stock by at least ONE-HALF.

Stock sheets show an enormous stock on hand, amounting on February 15th, at all of the stores, including this, to over SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AT RETAIL PRICES.

A PORTION OF THIS STOCK IS AVAILABLE AT THIS STORE.

This stock consists approximately of 2,100 instruments, divided as follows:

1,300 new instruments,  
450 slightly used instruments,  
350 second-hand instruments.

Nearly three-fourths of this stock is of the highest grades, divided pretty evenly between Grands, Uprights and Player-pianos.

Predominating in the higher grades are NEW CHICKERING, KNABE AND HARDMAN ART PIANOS, GRANDS AND UPRIGHTS, KNABE AND EMERSON ANGELUS AND HARDMAN AUTOTONES, all of which are had only in the latest scales and newest case designs.

In all there are some thirty-odd different makes, all of which are more or less known.

The unreserved choice of this great stock, the equal of which is not to be had from any other piano house in America, IS OFFERED AT FACTORY COST, with bare and economical selling expenses added. NOT ONE CENT OF PROFIT IS INCLUDED OR EXPECTED during this sale.

This sale has but one purpose, and that is to sell one-half of the present stock held by our various stores before they consolidate, and to turn this stock into CASH OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

The terms of this sale ARE CASH. WE WILL ARRANGE TO CARRY ANY ACCOUNT, however, for such time as purchasers desire, up to ONE YEAR AND A HALF, at 6 per cent simple interest.

This is a sale that is extraordinary in many ways. It is not a sale of unknown or unheard-of pianos, or a sale where the inducements are based upon unlimited time in which to pay. It is a sale of the BEST KNOWN PIANOS IN THE PIANO WORLD; it is a sale from which a selection may be made from the largest stock of pianos carried by any one firm in America, and the prices and terms are such as will instantly attract careful, prudent and thrifty buyers.

Persons living out of the city will be mailed, free, stock lists, showing styles, and stock on hand, photographs of instruments, etc., by dropping us a card.

W. F. Frederick Music Co.,  
1328 F Street.

## EXPRESS CARRIED BY SPECIAL TRAIN

BALTIMORE, March 2.—For the purpose of facilitating the delivery of express matter received in New York late in the afternoon destined for points in the Southwest, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad has just put into operation a solid express train on a twenty-seven-hour schedule between New York and St. Louis.

The train will be composed entirely of express cars and will make no stops except at division headquarters to allow a change of locomotives.

## ILLINOIS RATIFIES INCOME AMENDMENT

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 2.—The house has passed the resolution to ratify the income tax amendment to the United States Constitution. The vote was 78 to 8. The resolution had been passed by the senate. Illinois is the first Northern State of importance to ratify the amendment.

The house also passed the bill providing for fire fighting in coal mines in the State. This bill was suggested by the Cherry disaster and backed by both the miners and operators of the State.

It Pays to Come From Any Distance

# NEY & CO.

Successors to Haines' Dept. Stores,

Pa. Ave. and Eighth St. S. E.

## Thursday's Attractions at The Big Southeast Store.

### Shoe Department

\$2.00 to \$3.50 Shoes for Men, Women and Children

Thursday, 98c a pair ....

Great bargain table of high-grade shoes, men's, women's, boys' and girls', all stylish shapes, lace or button; nearly all sizes in the lot. Not a pair worth less than \$2.00. Others to \$3.50. Thursday, a pair, 98c.

### Men's Furnishings

Men's 50c Working Shirts 29c—Made of chambray in blue and with white stripes and black with white stripes; regular 50c grade.....

Men's Ribbed Underwear in blue, spring weight, shirts or drawers, broken sizes; 50c grade; a garment.....

Men's Overalls—one lot with bib; sold regularly at 69c; choice.....

Men's Hats—3 dozen Fedoras and derby hats; various good styles; \$3 and \$4 values. Choice.....

Boys' \$3 to \$6 Suits for \$1.95—27 Knickerbocker Suits in sizes 9 to 16 years; some have two pair pants; sold regularly from \$3 to \$6; sale price, a suit.....

Dress Goods Dept.

Remnants of Dress Goods, silks, black and colored wool goods, satins, velvets, etc., 1 to 10 yards; some as low as 29c, 50c, 75c and 1.00 yd. Remnant price, a yard.....

Yard Wide Percales, ginghams, pongees, satens, dark and light colors; remnants, regular 12 1/2 to 15c goods. Remnant price, a yard.....

Leather Goods Dept.

Belts, whips, gill buckles, pocket books, shopping bags, satchels, back combs, hair ornaments, etc.; values from 15c to 50c. Thursday, choice.....

Glove Dept.

Women's Gauntlet and Walking Glove; tan, gray and white; broken sizes, in regular \$1.00 grade. Thursday, a pair.....

Women's Suit Dept.

Suits worth to \$39 for \$4.98—One lot of Suits for Women and Misses, all wool fabrics, in neat dark patterns; medium weight, suitable for present wear; all good styles, odd sizes to 40. Thursday.....

\$5 Skirts for \$2.98—One lot of new spring black panama skirts; all wool; best \$5 values. Thursday for.....

\$1.00 Percale Wrappers with this Coupon.....

Shepherd plaids, new blue and white effects, neat black and white designs in light and dark; sizes 34 to 40 to best \$1 kind. With this coupon.....

\$1.00 Muslin Underskirts with this Coupon.....

Handsome 12-inch embroidered pouchoe, many pretty designs, \$1 values. With this coupon for.....

\$3 Black Silk Waists for \$1.98—One lot of handsomely pleated black tulle silk waists, new spring styles; best \$3 value. Thursday for.....

### Hosiery Dept.

Women's and Children's Hosiery—Odd lots, broken sizes; sold for 12c and 19c. Thursday, a pair.....

Corset Dept.

W. B. and R. G. Corsets New \$1 Styles, 69c a pair.....

Here's an opportunity to buy the W. B. and R. G. Corsets at a substantial saving; side and front garters, all sizes, best \$1 makes; Thursday sale, a pair.....

Domestic Dept.

81x90-inch Seamless Sheets, all bed torn and finished with 3-inch hem, made of firm quality muslin, free from dressing; excellent values at 85c; sale price.....

20c and 25c Pillow Cases, made of the best quality casings, size 45x36 inches; sale price, each.....

Heavy Quality Roller Grates, bleached, very unbleached, best 8c and 10c values; sale price, a yard.....

Housefurnishing Dept.

Four cakes of Oleine Laundry Soap with this coupon for 10c. Housefurnishing Dept.—3d floor. None sold to children.

Choice of this 25c, 29c and 39c granite ware Thurs. day at.....

1 gallon covered buckets, 2 qt. milk kettles, chambers, 1 gallon covered steel kettles, or 3 qt. tea or coffee pots, 1 gallon covered Berlin kettles. Thursday choice.....

Furniture Dept.

\$1.25 Oak Dining Chairs, cane seat; very strong, nicely finished. Thursday.....

\$10.00 Sanitary Felt Mattresses at \$4.98

We have made a contract with a maker of high-grade Mattresses to furnish us 3,000 all-foam full roll edge Mattresses; this enormous contract places us in a position to sell them at less than half price. The second shipment has arrived; choice of one or two piece styles, covered with art ticking, full roll edge. Impossible to buy this mattress elsewhere under \$10. Thursday we will sell them at.....

\$6.00 Combination Felt Mattresses, \$2.98

Here's a splendid mattress at a very low price; we warrant it to give entire satisfaction; double layers of felt top and bottom, with inner filling of fiber which prevents sagging; choice of striped or art ticking, finished in the best possible manner; regular price \$6.00. Sale price.....

\$4.00 National Spring Drop Side Couches. Thursday.....

\$4.00 National Bed Springs; full size, best made. Thursday.....

COUPON

Mennen's Talcum Powder.....

Tomorrow we will sell this famous toilet necessity, with this coupon, at a box.....

Thursday only—1st floor.

## CARNEGIE EXTENDS AID TO SON OF BENEFACTOR

Gives Pamphlet on Economy to Boyhood Friend Whose Father Loaned Skibo's Laird Price of First Ticket to America.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 2.—Andrew Carnegie has found in Southern California the son of the man who loaned Carnegie the price of a ticket to America when he set out to seek his fortune. Jimmy Gillespie is the man's name and for twenty years he has driven the town express wagon at San Pedro.

Old Jimmie was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, in 1831. Carnegie was born there in 1837. When Carnegie arrived in Los Angeles the old expressman was much excited and resolved to call on his old boyhood chum.

Carnegie seemed delighted to see him. The two Scotchmen sat for a long time talking over their boyhood days. Their reminiscences done, the talk turned to the present day.

In the gentle, tactful way for which he is noted, the steel king drew out his boyhood friend. Before he knew, Jimmie was telling how he had worked on his humble express wagon.

"True, I haven't been able to save much and I'm getting old," Jimmie murmured.

"Jimmie, I think I can give you something that may help you," Carnegie murmured. He went into his room and came back with a package, which he put into his old playmate's hand. Then Jimmie left with many words of thanks.

When he got to his own room, Jimmie's trembling old hands unwrapped the package, and he found that the Laird of Skibo had given him a pamphlet containing one of his own speeches on the manifold advantages of being economical. Jimmie was so angry that he is sick in bed.

MAY SOON REPORT WATERWAYS BILL

Senate Committee Expects to Submit Measure by Last of Next Week.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, which is now considering the river and harbor bill, does not expect to report the measure before the last of next week. Hearings continued today before the body, and all who are interested in the projects are given an opportunity to present their views.

The Lakes-to-the-Gulf waterways advocates urged the deepening of the Mississippi river channel from the mouth of the Chicago drainage canal to the mouth of the Ohio river.

Today the Missouri river interests are being heard. They want twelve feet of water between Kansas City and St. Louis, six feet between Kansas City and Sioux City, and four feet between Sioux City and Benton.

## PRISON FOR "RED" ADAMS.

NEW YORK, March 2.—"Red" Adams, convicted of using the mails to collect funds for pushing imaginary claims to the estate of Sir Francis Drake, today begins a sentence of four and one-half years in the Federal prison at Atlanta and to pay a fine of \$500.

## Quick Relief

for an upset stomach, hiccoughs, a sick headache, constipated bowels, or a bilious attack is secured by using

# BEECHAM'S PILLS

Sold Everywhere. In boxes 10c. and 25c.

## Good Father

Starts his boy on the right road by teaching him to save money.

Watch every day for the big announcement of the \$5,000 savings offer—it will tell you how to START.